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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING/OFFSET--BRIEFING NATO ALLIES

REFS: A. STATE 83904

B. USNATO 2221 (NOTAL)

C. USNATO 2051

D. BONN 5759

1. FRG FOREIGN OFFICE REQUESTED THAT PRIOR TO PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON US-FRG BILATERAL THE TEXT OF THE AGREED PRESS COMMUNIQUE BE COMMUNICATED TO THE NATO COUNCIL 24 HOURS BEFORE ITS OFFICIAL RELEASE. USNATO MISSION ALSO ADVISED THIS PROCEDURE (REFS C AND D). IF PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON THIS AGREEMENT IS RELEASED AT SIGNING TODAY AT 1700 HOURS BONN TIME (REF A), THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIOR FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE NATO ALLIES AND ADVANCE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE TO THEM.

2. WHILE STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR KRAPF AT APRIL 23 PERMREPS LUNCH WAS HELPFUL, IT WAS BRIEF AND REFERRED ONLY TO OVERALL AMOUNT OF AGREEMENT (REF B). WHILE MISSION PLANS A FULLER BRIEFING AT AN EARLY COUNCIL MEETING (PROBABLY APRIL 30) CONFIDENTIAL

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ON THE OVERALL STATUS OF BURDENSARING AS IT AFFECTS THE ALLIANCE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE US-FRG BILATERAL (SEPTTEL), THIS IS NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR MAKING AGREED PRESS COMMUNIQUE AVAILABLE TO OUR ALLIES PRIOR TO ITS BECOMING

PUBLIC INFORMATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT PUBLIC RELEASE OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE
BE DELAYED UNTIL (AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED) AMBASSADOR KRAPF HAS
RECEIVED FINAL VERSION AND HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISTRIBUTE
IT TO THE COUNCIL.
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